PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Necessary repairs to Bridge across river Muniyeru at Kasara on National Highway 9 have been carried out and bridge opened to restricted vehicular traffic in the first week of June, 1985.

Share of education in the Central Budget

1416. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of education in the Centre's total budgetary expenditure (in rupees as well as in percentage), year-wise from 1983-84 to 1986-87;

(b) whether Government propose to increase this share; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Budgeted expenditure on education by the Education Department of the Govt. of India for the years 1983-84 to 1986-87 with percentage to total Central budget is given as under:

Year	Budgeted expenditure on education (Rs. in crores)	Percentage to total budget
1983-84 (Revised Estimate)	352·73	1·5
1984-85 (Revised Estimate)	445·32	1·6
1985-86 (Budget Estimate)	509·78	1·5
1986-87 (Budget Estimate)	659·00	1·4

(b) and (c) Provision of funds for various sectors, including education sector is made depending upon the total availability of funds and priority accorded to each sector of development.

Recruitment of additional Railway staff

1417. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of additional railway staff recruited, Zone-wise, including officers and others, separately, during the period 1980 to 1985; and

(b) the total number of vacant posts, Zone-wse, as at the end of March, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Amendment of Copyright Act

1418. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a Seminar on 'Asian Authors and Copyright Law' held in Delhi in January, 1986, it was recommended that the Copyright Act be suitably amended to prevent piracy of the works of creative artists such as authors, music composers, sculptors, artisans, craftmen, etc. in order to safeguard their interests;

(b) whether Government propose to bring a legislation for amending the Copyright Act;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?